

# MADISON COUNTY LEPC MEETING

April 19, 2007 Meeting Minutes

## **Attendance:**

Shawn Christensen, MVRFD  
John Bancroft, Town of Ennis  
Joe Husar, Harrison QRU  
Staci Beecher, Madison County Planning  
Frank Ford, Emergency Mgmt (EM)  
Jill Steeley, County Public Health  
Lewis Stahl, Madison County Commission  
Steve Orr, MCSO  
Melinda Tichenor, Madison Valley Hospital & CCC

Chairman Husar called the meeting of the Madison County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) to order at 7:14 PM at the Madison County Courthouse.

Introductions were made around the table.

Melinda moved to accept the minutes from the March 15, 2007 meeting as amended. Frank seconded the motion, all voted aye and the motion carried. The word "agenda" should be changed to "minutes."

## **Resolution of Pending Organizational Matters:**

Joe said he had mis-spoken at the last meeting when he said John Bancroft would not be able to be the Vice-Chairman. John can in fact hold the position and would like to. Frank moved to re-elect John as Vice-Chairman, Steve seconded the motion, all voted aye and the motion carried.

## **Risk Mitigation:**

Joe reported he is seeing progress in the program. He has signed a contract with Madison County until the end of the 2008 fiscal year (6-30-08). Chris and Joe are working with Moonlight Basin to spend \$27,000 of Fuel Mitigation money for Fuel Reduction on 23 acres. Of the \$23,000, \$2,000 will be used for public relations.

## **CCC:**

Melinda reported on the following:

- CERT in Sheridan (4/14, 4/21-22) had approx. 10 participants
- A 72 hour kit will be raffled the last day of the county fair (8/12) – tickets are \$5 and proceeds go to support the CERT trainings
- Neighborhood Watch kick-off meeting 5/30 at 6:30 at the MVRF station
- Radio Training will be held in Alder at 7:00 on March 26<sup>th</sup>
- Melinda has been working on a CCC budget with Frank & Chris for 07-08
- CCC will be moving stuff out of a storage unit in Ennis into a "Conex Box" in Alder – this will reduce costs
- Trying to get PIO training for CERT members
- Would like to plan another CERT training for October (possibly in VC)
- VC Fire Radio Training will be on 3/24 @ 7:00 at VC Gym – open to the public

**Emergency Management Director Report:**

In Chris' absence, Frank reported that Chris had been attending ICS training and that he will be working with Barbie for grants to buy a mobile IC unit. It is budget time, so Chris would like input from the LEPC on things he should budget for.

**Communications Coordinator Report:**

Frank reported on the following:

- The new dispatch console for the Sheriff's Office is being returned, so they're moving ahead to a touch screen. A trial run is set for first of July. Must have a new console for the repeater at Big Sky.
- A Public Safety Communications Planning Committee has been formed and they are working on improving our coverage in the county.
- MVRFD will host another Assistance Fire Fighters Grant of approx. \$450,000. This money could be used for new radios for the fire depts., ambulances, etc. If awarded, there is a 5% match required which is approx. \$22,000. The county has agreed to loan the \$22,000 to the fire depts., which could be paid back by each fire dept. Frank requested MVRFD provide him with Run Data, Budgets, and Source of Funds for the last 3 years.

**Continuation of Subdivision Review Discussion:**

Shawn and Joe are still working on fire subdivision regulations. They will try to have them submitted by July. Joe gave Doris a rough draft and she and Staci gave them feedback on it.

**PDM Update:**

Joe reported that Julie Johnson from the Montana Heritage Commission has requested she be on a committee for this on both the state level and the LEPC. This can be addressed further at the next meeting if she is able to attend.

**New Business:**

Steve reported that Sheriff Schenk is pursuing an Incident Command Post Mobile Unit. He would rather go that route than getting an RV & converting it.

**EOC Activation Training:**

Jill said she would like to have a drill on activating the EOC sometime in the summer (depending on her grant requirements). She would like a group of people to help put it together (especially with writing the scenario). A HAZMAT spill would probably be the best. She will work on it and report back at the next meeting.

**ICS 300 Training:**

Steve reported that he had attended ICS 300. It is a 3 day (8 hours each) course. Joe and Steve D. in dispatch are coordinating a training for the county; however, enough people must be signed up to make it worth the effort. Frank suggested the LEPC recommend to Chris to add a Contract Services line item to his DEM budget to support these kinds of trainings.

**LEPC Hazard Maps:**

Frank has access to a map that shows which hazards Madison County is most likely to encounter – if someone is interested, contact Frank.

**Schedule Next Meeting:**

The next LEPC meeting was set for 7:00 PM. on Thursday, May 17, 2007.

With no further business, Chairman Husar adjourned the meeting at 8:20 PM.

Minutes prepared by Jill-Marie Steeley, Public Health Administrator